

BRADFORD COUNTY REFORESTATION PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



Dear Bradford County Resident:

The Bradford County Conservation District (BCCD) is pleased to be able to offer technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in re-establishing forest land on their property. Recent loss of forest cover throughout the county has the potential to affect stormwater and erosion control, soil health, and wildlife communities. Through this competitive program, and with modest funds, BCCD hopes to re-establish forest cover on approximately 20 acres within Bradford County. If there is an overwhelming demand in the program, future funding will be pursued to establish additional acres in coming years. BCCD is currently accepting applications through October 15, 2016.

The program will target areas of low agricultural value/productivity, fallow fields, or recently disturbed areas and will not look to establish forest cover on prime agricultural soils or active farmland.

Intended Outcomes

- *Re-establish forest cover*
- *Reduce stormwater impacts related to loss of forest land*
- *Improve wildlife habitat*
- *Improve soil health*
- *Improve forest management practices*
- *Engage private landowners and provide education related to forest stewardship*

Criteria

- *Not active agricultural land*
- *Not currently under easement*
- *Must be located in Bradford County*
- *Planting must be completed by June 30, 2017*
- *Landowner agrees to provide rights of entry to your property for the purpose of assessment, prioritization, and if selected, construction, as well as future inspections of the project area by BCCD.*
- *Operation and Maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner*
- *Successful enrollment in this program does not open your property to public use*

Methodology

- *Evergreen nurse crop will be planted [primary species – *Pinus sylvestris* (scotch pine)]*
- *due to limited funds, and to reduce long-term maintenance, the nurse crop will be planted to provide shelter as native hardwoods begin to regain establishment*
- *ideally, the nurse crop should be planted adjacent to existing forest stands to allow for native hardwood seeds to reach the planting area*
- *hardwoods tend to grow straighter and faster when established in an evergreen planting*
- *Limited number of hardwoods with tree shelters may be planted (determined after site visit)*

Incentives

- *\$500 per acre to establish nurse crop (materials and labor)*
- *Use of a mechanical tree planter (where applicable)*

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM
(Current Application Deadline – October 15, 2016)

*The information you provide in this application will help us direct those limited resources to where they are most needed. Please complete this form in its entirety. Applications currently accepted until **October 15, 2016**.*

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

Phone (home & daytime): _____

Is the Project Site Located in Bradford County? Yes No

Detailed directions to site from Wysox, Pennsylvania: (Please attach a driving map if possible)

Latitude (if known): _____ Longitude (if known): _____

Site Description

Number of Acres to be Planted: _____

Land use (i.e. residential, wetland, pasture, etc.) _____

Land cover (i.e. cleared/disturbed, grass, shrub, etc.) _____

Has this site been used for agricultural production in the past 3 years (i.e. hay, row crop, etc...)?
 Yes No **If Yes, Type:** _____

Are there currently any leases/easements on the land that would prevent the planting of trees?
 Yes No

Additional information that might be pertinent to the site:

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